



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

File #: 19-0894, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Williams

Meeting Date: October 1, 2019

Department Contact: Supervisor Williams

Phone: 463-4441

Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 15 min

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Directing County Counsel and Planning and Building Services Director to Determine Feasibility of Using Satellite Imagery to Demilitarize Cannabis Code Enforcement and Collect Fees and/or Taxes from Non-Permitted Cultivation
(Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Direct County Counsel and Planning and Building Services Director to determine the feasibility of using satellite imagery to demilitarize cannabis code enforcement and collect fees and/or taxes from non-permitted cultivation.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

Cannabis regulation through law enforcement is expensive. Militarized enforcement is an ingredient for childhood trauma. Satellite imagery has the potential to transition the first line of compliance to code enforcement without the need for field visits. The code enforcement approach can ensure fees and minimum cultivation taxes are collected from all cultivators, whether permitted or not. The Board of Supervisors does not direct activities of the elected Sheriff. Cannabis ordinance enforcement through code enforcement would be complementary to any programs operated by the Sheriff.

Alternative Action/Motion:

No action.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A
annual recurring cost: N/A

if no, please describe:
revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: Although research is being conducted regarding the specifics of this technology, using Satellite imagery has the potential to generate millions in revenue.

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: October 7, 2019

Final Status: Direction Given to Staff

